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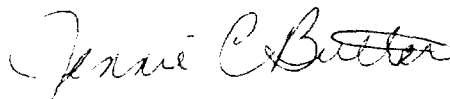
Petur O. Hansson
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Dear Mr. Hansson:

Your petition requesting the Food and Drug Administration not to finalize the draft guidance for industry entitled "Topical Dermatological Drug Product NDAs and ANDAs--In Vivo Bioavailability, Bioequivalence, In Vitro Release and Associated Studies", was received by this office on 11/15/99. It was assigned docket number 98D-0388/CP 1 and it was filed on 11/15/99. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,


Jennie Butler
Dockets Management Branch

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